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See Attached Amendment in S/N 09/714,566-Westby

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Westby		
Serial No.	09/714/566	Group Art Unit	3752
Filed	11/17/00	Examiner:	Nguyen, D.
For:	Connector Kit for Irrigation Devices	Attorney Docket	2000007

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

February 2, 2002

## RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This response is to the Office Action dated 11/29/01. The Titles and numbering used in this Response correspond to those used in the Office Action.

#### REMARKS

The Office Action Summary contents are noted.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1-2. This claim will be cancelled on allowance of claims of suitable breadth.
- 3-4. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bedford in view of Johnson and Anderson et al (Anderson).

# The Examiner states:

"Bedford discloses a kit for an external riser 25 of a sprinkler unit 28 comprising a reducing connector 10 having a wider member 18 with a set of internal threads 14, a narrow member 20 and a set of threads 12, a disk section 16 for connecting the wide member and the narrow member as shown in figure 1B. However, Bedford fails to disclose a display and a set of instructions. Johnson discloses a display 60 for a plumbing hookup kit 20 as shown in figure 1. It would have been obvious to one having skill in the art to have provided the kit of